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1. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULING IN LINE WITH REFTEL WOULD PERMIT VISIT TO JOINTLY OWNED AUSTRALIAN- JAPANESE FEEDLOT, A MEETING WITH MEAT EXPORTERS' FEDERATION AND VISIT TO SYDNEY SHOW, LEAVING SYDNEY 6:10 PM. ARRIVING PERTH 10:30 PM. NIGHT OF MAUNDY THURSDAY. EFFORTS BEING MADE NOW TO CONTACT ROCKEFELLER AND LINKLETTER FRAMS IN ESPERANCE AREA FOR VISITS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING, ESPERANCE ROUGHLY 400 MILES SOUTH- EAST OF PERTH. POSSIBILITY MANAGERS OF LINKLETTER AND ROCKEFELLER BOTH IN SYDNEY THROUGH EASTER SUNDER. SATURDAY LEAVE PERTH 1:25 PM. , TAA 507, ARRIVING MELBOURNE 7:30 PM. SUGGEST CHARTER PLANE PERTH TO ESPERANCE SINCE FOR FOUR PERSONS WOULD SAVE \$12.00 OVER SCHEDULED FLIGHT AREAS, I. E. \$300 FOR BEACH BARON VERSUS \$312 FOR FOUR ROUND TRIP FARES PLUS FLEXIBILITY TAKE OFF TIMES.

2. WHEAT BOARD, NEWMARKET, BORTHWICKS AND CHASE NATIONAL ALL CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS. DEREK RICHARDSON, CHASE NATIONAL, NOW IN HAWAII BUT HIS SECRETARY WILL QUERY HIM ON POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT WHEN HE RETURNS THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 16. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE
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CONTACT MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRY. SECRETARY IVES SAID THE MINISTER WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY 24 TH, BUT IVES IS PLANNING TO RETURN FROM EUROPE AND THE US ON GOOD FRIDAY, POSSIBLY DIVERTING THROUGH CANADA ARRIVING CANBERRA EASTER SUNDAY. IVES AGREED TO MEETING IF HE IS IN AUSTRALIA.

3. THE VISIT TO CATTLE PROPERTY TUESDAY 24 IS POSSIBLE, BUT ON VERY INFORMAL BASIS SINCE MANY OF THE IMPORTANT OWNERS WILL NOT HAVE RETURNED FROM THE ROYAL EASTER SHOW.

4. IN LIGHT OF THE EXTENDED EASTER HOLIDAYS, MAKING CONTACTS UNAVAILABLE, A BETTER SCHEDULE COULD BE TO POSTPONE TO APRIL 23 DEPARTURE FROM US, ARRIVING HERE ON APRIL 25, WHICH IS ANZAC DAY. THIS WOULD ALLOW A DAY'S REST DURING THE LAST DAY OF THE AUSTRALIAN LONG EASTER HOLIDAY AND BETTER PROGRAM DURING FOLLOWING DAYS.
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